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SUBJECT:WEEKLY STATUS REPORT - JAPAN AUGUST 25, 1977

TO: EA - MR. HOLBROOKE

FROM: EA/J - RICHARD KILPATRICK, ACTING

1. PREPARATIONS FOR US-JAPAN SUBCABINET TALKS (CONFIDENTIAL)

UNDER SECRETARY COOPER HAS SCHEDULED A MEETING OF PARTICI-
PATING AND INTERESTED AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES FOR TUESDAY,
AUGUST 30, TO REVIEW PREPARATIONS AND STRATEGY FOR THE SUB-
CABINET TALKS. PREPARATION OF THE AGENDA PAPERS AND THE
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SCOPE/STRATEGY PAPER, WHICH INCORPORATED SUBSTANTIAL ELE-
MENTS OF EMBASSY THINKING ON OUR APPROACH, ARE WELL UNDER-
WAY. WE WILL BE GETTING OUT A CABLE SOON ON THE ADMINIS-
TRATIVE AND LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TALKS.

2. VISIT OF USDA OFFICIAL (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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FAS ADMINISTRATOR HUGHES PLANS TO VISIT TOKYO SEPTEMBER 7-
11 AT THE INVITATION OF MAF OFFICIALS. THE PURPOSE OF THE

TRIP IS TO HAVE SENIOR WORKING LEVEL CONSULTATIONS PRIOR
TO THE VISIT OF MAF MINISTER SUZUKI, WHICH IS NOT YET
FIRMLY SCHEDULED. HUGHES WILL BE ARRIV NG AT THE SAME
TIME AS STR STRAUSS, BUT HIS VISIT IS NOT DIRECTLY
CONNECTED TO THAT OF STRAUSS. ACCORDING TO USDA, HUGHES
PLANS TO BRING UP NO NEW ISSUES, BUT WILL BE PREPARED TO
DISCUSS THOSE CURRENT, SUCH AS GRAIN SUPPLIES. USDA IS
AWARE OF THE NEED TO AVOID GIVING AN IMPRESSION THAT THE
SERIES OF SEPTEMBER US-JAPAN ECONOMIC MEETINGS ARE TO
DISCUSS BILATERAL ISSUES.

3. CALL BY SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICIAL (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

GEORGIY A. ZAGVODIN, AN ASIAN SPECIALIST AT THE SOVIET
EMBASSY, CALLED ON THE DESK THIS WEEK TO INQUIRE ABOUT
THE PRC VISIT, ETC. HE WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN A
PRAVDA REPORT CONCERNING MOFA-DOS JULY DISCUSSIONS IN
TOKYOON THE USSR. HE EVIDENCED SLIGHTLY MORE PARANOIA
THAN NECESSARY ABOUT POSSIBLE BILATERAL CONSPIRACIES. WE
REPLIED WITH VAGUE GENERALITIES OF A SOOTHING NATURE.

4. VISIT BY PAUL DRESSER, AGENT OF OCEAN SALVAGE COMPANY
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PAUL F. DRESSER, FORMER NAVY PILOT AND NOW REPRESENTING
HIMSELF AS THE AGENT OF OCEAN SALVAGE COMPANY, CALLED AT
THE DESK THIS WEEK TO ASK FOR ASSISTANCE. HE IS SEEKING
PERMISSION FROM THE GOJ TO MOUNT A SALVAGE OPERATION
TO RECOEVER ARTIFACTS AND CARGO FROM THE WRECKAGE OF THE
SPANISH VESSEL "SAN FRANCISCO" WHICH SANK IN A STORM JUST
OFFSHORE THE ISU PENINSULA ABOUT 300 YEARS AGO. DRESSER
HAS NOT YET SUCCEEDED IN GETTING ANY RESPONSE TO HIS
INQUIRIES FROM THE GOJ. WE REFERRED HIM TO THEJAPANESE
EMBASSY AND SUGGESTED THAT HIS CHANCES MIGHT BEENHANCED IF
HE WERE WILLING TO TAKE ON A JAPANESE PARTNER IN THE
VENTURE, AN IDEA HE DID NOT EXACTLY WELCOME. CHRISTOPHER

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